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### 1a [Newsletter of the Arroyo Seco Neighborhood Council](#)

Fri Feb 7, 2014 10:50 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncalert](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/mo9afaz>

FEBRUARY 7, 2013 NEWS

Neighborhood Council Information, News and Events

ASNC Candidate Filings Begin Monday February 10th

Twenty-one positions to be filled April 26

HURRY! You only have ONE MONTH to sign up as a candidate, starting February 10 and ending March 12. Here are candidate guidelines and documentation requirements.

Why would you want to join the ASNC Board? Because ASNC...

- represents your neighborhood at City Hall
- monitors the delivery of City services
- improves the quality of life in your community

- partners with the LAPD and LAFD on public safety issues and emergency preparedness
  - partners with the Mayor and the City Councilmembers to ensure representation
  - partners with City departments such as Transportation, Planning and Street Services to prioritize local projects and improvements
  - has a place for you--all you have to do is file as a candidate and run for a seat!
- To help you decide to take the plunge, coming up next week...

#### Sign up for an ASNC Ballot

This time around you may cast your vote from the comfort of home and mail it back or simply drop it off on Election Day April 26 at Ramona Hall. Download the ballot application! Go to <http://bit.ly/1aTK05W> for the PDF file.

Also coming up next week...

Monday Feb. 10 Planning & Land Use Commtee (PLUC)

Montecito Heights Senior Center at 8:30 p.m. • [landuse@asnc.us](mailto:landuse@asnc.us)

Tuesday Feb. 11 Budget & Finance

Ramona Hall Community Center at 5:30 p.m. • [treasurer@asnc.us](mailto:treasurer@asnc.us)

Tuesday Feb. 11 Monterey Hills Local Issues

Marshall Villas at 7:00 p.m. • [montereyhillsrep@asnc.us](mailto:montereyhillsrep@asnc.us)

Wednesday Feb. 12 Education & Youth

La Casita Verde at 6:30 p.m. • [education@asnc.us](mailto:education@asnc.us)

#### Mark Your Calendar

Pet Emergency Preparedness Seminar

Hermon Dog Park Sunday Feb. 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Location: Hermon Dog Park ( Under the Ave. 60 Overpass )

5568 Via Marisol , LA 90042

Are you prepared for your pets when a disaster strikes?

- Shelters wont take pets.
- How do we keep them safe?
- How to approach injured pets.
- What supplies are really needed?

(Exercise your dogs hard at Hermon Park prior to seminar so they'll rest during the seminar)

Seminar given by two top experts:

Thea Martin, Pet disaster planning instructor

Cindy Sanchez, Professional dog trainer, Red Cross instructor, CERT level 3

Please RSVP: Contact [@HermonDogPark.org](https://twitter.com/HermonDogPark)

Later on...

--February 22 Sycamore Grove Walking Tour with Highland Park Heritage Trust

--February 22 Movie Night at the York & Ave 49 Church fundraiser for Lummis Day

--March 8 Highland Park Heritage Trust Arroyo Walking Tour

--March 22 Hill Challenge Run at the Audubon Center in Debs Park

--March 29 7th Annual Peace in the Northeast Walk

#### RECREATION & PARKS WANTS YOUR INPUT

<http://m.laparks.org/survey/#survey>

Council file 13-0807 passed this past last July requires the Department of Recreation and Parks to submit a plan to increase its budget to a level similar to before

"chargebacks" began. It also stipulates that the Department hold a public meetings

in each council district. The meeting last week at Ramona Hall was a great success with a huge turnout and great testimony from stakeholders. A lot is riding on the input YOU provide in the survey. What do you want from the department? After all the cutbacks these last few years, what do you think should be restored?

#### Submit an Agenda Request

All ASNC agenda requests must be submitted using the online form. All submissions will be considered by the Agenda Setting Committee. The monthly cut-off for the Committee is two Tuesdays before the Board meeting which is January 27. The agenda request form is located at <http://www.asnc.us/agendarequest.html>.

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## 2 **Free Artmaking Workshops Thursdays**

Fri Feb 7, 2014 10:50 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

Free Artmaking Workshops  
Cypress Park Family Source Center  
Thursday, February 6th – April 17th, 2014  
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
929 Cypress Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

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## 3 **ASNC Board Candidate Workshop Saturday, February 15th**

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ASNC Board Candidate Workshop  
Saturday, February 15th, 2014  
11:00 AM - 1:30 PM  
Ramona Hall  
4580 Figueroa Blvd.  
Los Angeles, CA 90065  
[election@asnc.us](mailto:election@asnc.us) <mailto:election@asnc.us>

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## 4 **All Things HERMON. . . (02/07/14)**

Fri Feb 7, 2014 10:51 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

\*\*\* WOW. Hermon is full of amazing engaged neighbors. We put out the word about a medical marijuana dispensary coming to Hermon and last night -- just 6 short days after

we found out -- 145 neighbors filled the Fellowship Center to say to the shop owner (mostly with Hermon respect, of course) "oh no, we don't think so."

The new shop owner Gor Mkhtar came, (thinking there might be 7 to 8 neighbors) listened to reps speak from the City Attorney's and Councilmember's office, LAPD on enforcement, and then, community members. After that, Gor spoke saying he did not know the shop was within 1000 ft. of schools (both a pre-school and high school) and that after hearing from our community he would NOT open his shop here. Grateful applause . . . Gor had said if our community did not support his business being here, he would not open -- and he kept his word.

Big thank you's to District Director for Councilmember Jose Huizar's office Zenay Loera and staff for their knowledge and leadership, the councilmember's Director of Communications Rick Coca, CM Huizar for supporting the community in being against a dispensary here, LAPD Hollenbeck Captain Baeza, and our Sr. Lead Officer John Pedroza (who was the person to confirm a dispensary shop going into the Plaza less than a week ago).

Thank you, also, to the L.A. City Attorney's office for coming and explaining some background and answering questions. All of which led to support for our community to be able to stand up for what we wanted in our community -- and what we didn't.

So, let's see, that's Hermon vs. KB Homes: Hermon. Hermon vs. a liquor license for a business in the middle of our residences: Hermon. Hermon vs. a medical marijuana dispensary: Hermon . . . because we stand up to keep our community the safe and lovely connection of neighbors, schools, church, and businesses that we call home.

\*\*\* A few good and fun things coming up . . .

-- This Saturday, February 8, (Fritz promises no rain) will be our postponed "Clean Team" clean-up. Join us at 8 a.m. by Monterey Donuts in the Plaza. We'll be the ones around a small truck eating donuts. Yum.

-- Also this weekend at Tasty Mama's, 5526 Monterey Road, they'll be having a Valentine's Day tarot/psychic reading. For more info go to:  
[m.facebook.com/events/571532656276988?context=%7B%22ref%22%3A22%7D&aref=22](https://m.facebook.com/events/571532656276988?context=%7B%22ref%22%3A22%7D&aref=22)

-- A new FREE CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training class begins in Hermon, March 4 and goes every Tuesday night for seven weeks, until April 15, at the Fellowship Center, 5800 Monterey Road. Come for a first time or as a refresher course -- we want to be the most prepared community in Los Angeles. To RSVP, call Mark at 323.895.6275 or E-mail him at [marklegassie@gmail.com](mailto:marklegassie@gmail.com) mailto:marklegassie@gmail.com

\*\*\* Another fun Hermon link. Some of you may well remember mega car salesman Cal Worthington and still have his ad jingle somewhere in your head "go see Cal - go see Cal - go see Cal." His son Rod went to what was then Pacific Christian High School in Hermon in the late 60s. But here's even more fun. Cal Worthington was born Calvin Coolidge Worthington . . . and his father's name was Benjamin Franklin Worthington. Cal Worthington passed away last year at the age of 92.

\*\*\* Lastly, the big New Dawn Redwood in the grass median at the corner of Monterey Road and Avenue 60 is NOT dying, but rather is a deciduous tree and a sole living species -- *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* -- one of three species of conifers known as redwoods. So, come spring it will once again sprout bright green leaves.

Because it's all good . . . in Hermon  
where quirky works,  
families return,  
and dogs sleep all night long.

Wendi  
wendiriser@cs.com

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## 5 **Trash picked up!**

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Thu Feb 6, 2014 12:44 pm on mhia@yahoogroups.com <mailto:mhia@yahoogroups.com>  
Posted by: "Jack Fenn" [jlaurencefenn](#)

Great thanks to Sylvia Robledo in the councilman's office for expediting the pickup of gathered trash on Roberta and Reynolds near the DWP gate. It's gone! She got the request just a couple of days ago, so this sets a record for response at that site. The cleanup even included what was stacked inside the gate on the DWP side.

One tire carcass remains (!), so if you've been hankering to turn a tire inside out, paint it pink, and make a planter, here's your chance!

Again, thank you Sylvia.

Jack Fenn

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## 6 **Gardens of the Montecito 2014**

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Fri Feb 7, 2014 12:52 am on mhia@yahoogroups.com <mailto:mhia@yahoogroups.com>  
Posted by: "Rose Aleman" [rosealeman](#)

The planning for the Gardens of the Montecito is underway. All we need are your gardens. The date is the last Saturday of March on the 29th between 10:00a to 3:00p.

All gardens are accepted, you just have to call and give me a small description and the type of garden you have. Is it rock, dry, native, drought-tolerant, tropical, vegetable, natural, with or without chickens? We just want to see what you have done in the neighborhood with probably some of the poorest soil in the county. The soil is challenging, it needs every amendment you care to give it but the rewards are wonderful,

please share them with us.

Please call and let me know you will be part of this traditional event in Montecito Heights. It is a great way to meet your neighbors and for them to meet you and to get a better idea of this small community in the great City of Los Angeles that still believes it is a community...that meeting and knowing your neighbors binds us. Call (323 222-4374) or email (rosealeman@yahoo.com) to let me put you and your garden on the map.

We sell tickets to the event, you can walk, run, bike, or drive around and see every garden, you vote and then we have a party. Simple as that.

Rose  
Rose Aleman

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## 7 **Councilmember Cedillo's E-Newsletter 2.7.14**

Fri Feb 7, 2014 10:52 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

GREETING FROM COUNCILMEMBER GIL CEDILLO

Friends,

This week began with Team Cedillo regrouping to go over our priorities and get an update on our 'Keep It Clean' campaign. Stay tuned as we launch Phase II of the campaign, education. We had the Los Angeles Fire Department present in Council to talk about smoke alarm safety and to respond to the recommendations of the LA County Civil Grand Jury report. We hosted the Chinese General Consul and other Chinese community groups to celebrate the Year of the Horse. We held the first meeting for our 'Keep It Clean' partnership initiative, splitting the cost of solar powered trash compactors. LADWP reminded us to conserve water and energy. Finally, we introduce you to an Arizonian that's happy to call California home, Team Cedillo's Kris Ortega.

Gilbert A. Cedillo  
Councilmember, District 1

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### LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Smoke Alarm and Carbon Monoxide Safety Campaign

(Photo Credit: Yahoo)

On Tuesday, the City Council approved a motion to assist the Los Angeles Fire Department to educate Angelinos on the importance of having smoke alarms in homes.

In the first 29 days of this year, there have been seven deaths in the City of Los Angeles due to non-working smoke alarms or no smoke alarms present where the deaths occurred. According to the National Fire Protection Association, almost two-thirds of home fire deaths resulted from fires in properties without working smoke alarms. A working smoke alarm significantly increases your chances of surviving a deadly home fire.

A properly installed and maintained smoke alarm is the only thing in one's home that can alert them and their family of a fire 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Whether one's awake or asleep, a working smoke alarm is constantly on alert, scanning the air for fire and smoke.

In coordination with the Los Angeles Fire Department's education campaign to inform and educate the public on the use of smoke alarms and carbon-monoxide monitors, the City Council will work with the Fire Department, other City Departments, and appropriate outside entities to enhance and support the Department's campaign.

GRYD

(Photo Credit: wordpress)

On Wednesday Councilmember Cedillo attended the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee to hear from the Gang Reduction & Youth Development (GRYD) department, gang prevention and intervention organizations and people whose lives have been affected by gang violence. The current GRYD contracts are set to expire on June 30th, 2014. The committee heard a motion relative to the advantages and disadvantages of employing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process to procure gang intervention and prevention services, and barriers and possible modifications to the current Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The discussion will return to committee for additional vetting.

LAFD Grand Jury Final Report

(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

A few months ago Councilmember Cedillo wrote a motion asking the City to respond to a June 28, 2013 Los Angeles County Civil Grand Jury report that recommended: (a) the LAFD's funding be reinstated to 2008 levels, (b) the firefighters at the Dispatch Center be replaced with civilians, and (c) the Department's computer systems be overhauled.

On Wednesday the City Council heard the report from the Los Angeles Fire Department in accordance to the Councilmember's motion. The Council approved the Grand Jury report recommendations and approved another motion asking the Fire Department to submit to the Council a five year plan for restoration of fire and medical services for consideration during the upcoming Council deliberations regarding the budget for Fiscal Year 2014-2015.

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#### FIELD UPDATE

Team Cedillo Staff Retreat Part II

(Photo Credit: Sergio Infanzon)

On Monday Team Cedillo huddled once again to go over the notes and directives from the Listening Tour and to review staff goals and objectives for 2014. We reviewed much of the progress that's been made with the 'Keep It Clean' campaign. We will soon be launching Phase II of the campaign, which includes a massive education process.



#### Visit from Chinese Consul General

(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

On Wednesday Councilmember Cedillo hosted the Consul General of China and various community groups in the City Hall rotunda to ring in the Chinese Lunar New Year. We were treated to lion dancers, drummers, and authentic Chinese cuisine. The Councilmember handed out certificates to:

- Liu Jian, Consul General, People's Republic of China
- Derek Ma, President and Founder of the Chinese American Community Affairs Council
- The Chinese American Community Affairs Council
- The National Chinese Welfare Council, Los Angeles Branch

Thank you for helping us celebrate the Year of the Horse.

#### Cedillo Launches Keep It Clean 50/50 Big Belly Program

(Photo Credit: Fredy Ceja)

Over 15 representatives of several Business Improvement Districts and Neighborhood Councils met on Wednesday with CD1, Bureau of Sanitation and Big Belly Solar to launch Councilmember Cedillo's Big Belly 50/50 Program. Big Belly trash receptacles dramatically increase trash capacity. Each Big Belly sends a signal when it is full, which reduces overflow and collection frequency; making trash collection much more efficient.

This innovative program allows an organization to split the cost of a Big Belly with CD1. A marketing wrap with the organization's name and logo will be placed on the Big Belly along with the CD1 branding wrap. Servicing (emptying trash) of the unit will be done by the Bureau of Sanitation at no cost to the community partner.

The cost of 1 single unit big belly is \$2,995 + freight/tax and the wrap for this unit is \$436 (4 panels). The 50% cost to the partnering organization is \$1,715.5 + freight/tax.

The cost of 1 double unit big belly (one unit for trash and one unit for recyclables) is \$4,240 + freight/tax and the wrap for the double unit is \$689 (6 panels). The 50% cost to the partnering organization is \$2,464.5 + freight/tax.

If you are interested in 'Keeping It Clean' in CD1 and would like to participate in this innovative program, please contact [Conrado.Terrazas@lacity.org](mailto:Conrado.Terrazas@lacity.org), (323)550-1538.

#### City Approves Goodwill Retail Store in Lincoln Heights

(Photo Credit: Goodwill)

This week, the City's Zoning Administrator approved the conversion of the former Michael's Furniture store at Broadway and Avenue 22 into a Goodwill retail store. Goodwill Industries of Southern California, founded in 1916 and whose headquarters were established on San Fernando Road in Lincoln Heights in 1938, will invest over \$500 million to restore the building and create a modern retail store with a donation center in 16,000 square-feet of ground-floor space. Originally built in 1939, the building has stood vacant for three years. New construction will include repairing and repainting the exterior plaster, restoring the store front, exposing and refinishing hardwood floors,

and reinstalling original molding and trim work and classic Art Deco lighting fixtures (found in the attic). The building will be updated to current disabled access requirements. Not only will the project create an estimated 20 jobs, but CD1 believes it will act as an economic catalyst to further stimulate business activity along the Broadway corridor in Lincoln Heights.

Frank Wada of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council attended the public hearing and spoke in support of the Goodwill store coming into Lincoln Heights

Goodwill aims to open the new store in Summer 2014. Thank you Goodwill!

Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial Restoration Project Gets Big Boost!

(Photo Credit: Office of Supervisor Molina)

Thank you Supervisor Molina and staff for moving forward with the restoration of the historic Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial Monument and connecting our historic cultural neighborhoods of El Pueblo and Chinatown to the Downtown LA Civic and Cultural Center.

This week, as a result of Supervisor Molina's leadership, the Board of Supervisors approved \$4.1 million to pay for its restoration – including the likely reactivation of a water feature.

The Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial was dedicated on July 3rd, 1957, to commemorate the site of a Mexican-American War adobe fort. Located on Hill Street in Council District 1 and Supervisorial District 1, just north of the 101 Freeway, the memorial features the nation's largest bas-relief military monument. It also featured an 80-foot-wide waterfall, until the tap was shut off in a 1977 drought.

Yes, there was a time when the sound of the waterfall could be heard from blocks away and the splashing water could be felt as you walked along the adjacent sidewalk.

While the monument is the property of Los Angeles County, the City of Los Angeles has also earmarked funding for the restoration of this often forgotten and missed historic resource. Through the City's Bureau of Engineering Prop K team and CD1 staff, we will work alongside with the County and the Supervisor's Office on the design and implementation of this historic restoration project that will also include lighting and amenities to make the immediate area safe for visitors, civic center workers, residents, and students to access and enjoy this unique testament to our history. A minimum of \$500,000 of authorized Proposition K Ballot Measure funding with the potential for additional funds will be allocated to this cooperative Los Angeles City & County Fort Moore Pioneer Memorial Restoration project.

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#### NEWS UPDATE

Los Angeles Water Conservation

(Photo Credit: nbc)

The City of Los Angeles is currently in Phase 2 of its Water Conservation Ordinance. Phase 2 incorporates mandatory prohibited uses of water and restrictions on outdoor watering. Prohibited uses of water are intended to eliminate waste, increase awareness of the need to conserve water, and are in effect at all times.

Prohibited uses include:

- Water leaks unattended.
- Outdoor irrigation between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Outdoor irrigation that results in excess water flow leaving the property.
- Outdoor irrigation during rain events.
- Car washing with a hose, unless an automatic shut-off device is attached.
- Water served to customers in eating establishments, unless requested.
- Outdoor irrigation with non-conserving nozzle sprinkler systems for more than one 8 minute cycle per watering day.
- Outdoor irrigation with conserving nozzle sprinkler systems for more than two 15-minute cycles per watering day.
- Large landscape irrigation systems without automatic shutoff rain sensors.
- Washing paved surfaces (sidewalks, walkways, driveways, or parking areas) unless using an LADWP-approved water conserving spray cleaning device.
- Water for decorative fountains, ponds, or lakes unless the water is part of a recirculating system.
- Installation of single-pass cooling systems in buildings requesting new water service.
- Installation of non-recirculating systems in new commercial laundry facilities.
- Installation of non-recirculating systems in new conveyor car washes.
- Daily towel and linen service, unless requested by hotel and motel guests.

In addition to the prohibitions listed above, Phase 2 bans landscape irrigation on days other than Monday, Wednesday, or Friday for odd-numbered street addresses and Tuesday, Thursday, or Sunday for even-numbers street addresses.

With Phase 2 in place, the City is already ahead of where most other cities in the southland are in responding to dry-year conditions. LADWP customers have reduced water use by over 17-percent since the prior dry period of 2007.

To learn more about water conservation, please visit [www.LADWP.com](http://www.LADWP.com).

#### LADWP Urges Customers to Conserve Energy

(Photo Credit: yahoo)

With cold weather across the United States placing a heavy strain on natural gas supplies, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) is asking customers to conserve energy where possible.

While LADWP has adequate power supply to cover its customers' needs, LADWP encourages customers to support the call for conservation in light of the heavy demand for energy in areas affected by the cold front. LADWP is being asked to reduce the amount of power fueled by natural gas during this period, and customer conservation will provide a cushion for the power supply.

Following are several easy tips for saving power:

- Use extra blankets and sweaters to stay warm and lower your furnace thermostat by three to five degrees (health permitting). This can save up to 30 percent on heating and electric costs.
- Limit use of non-essential gas appliances, fireplaces and spas.
- Reduce your water heating usage: use less hot water, turn down the water heater thermostat or insulate your water heater.

- Set your thermostat to 68 degrees during winter if your health permits.
- Insulate your home by sealing up cracks and plugging leaks to prevent heat from escaping through windows and doors. Take advantage of LADWP rebates for energy efficient windows.
- Use a power strip for electronics and turn it off when not in use.
- Limit the use of appliances during peak hours of the day - shift use of washing machines, dishwashers, vacuum cleaners and other heavy appliances during evening hours.
- Turn off lights and equipment when they are not in use.
- Replace incandescent light bulbs with compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs) or LED bulbs wherever appropriate.

For more information on energy conservation, please visit [www.LADWP.com](http://www.LADWP.com).

Getting to Know Team Cedillo: Kris Ortega

(Photo Credit: Kris Ortega)

Name: Kristopher Ortega

What do you do for CD1?

As a council aide, I assist the councilman in such matters as, staffing, scheduling, legislation, research and other duties so the councilman provides the best public service to CD1.

Where were you born and raised?

I was born in Denver (tough game but great season, Go Broncos!!) and grew up in Phoenix, AZ. My mother grew up in Boyle Heights so Los Angeles has always been a home away from home.

How'd you get your start in Public Service?

I started community outreach with a local church during high school. In college, I found an interest in policy and began to shadow state legislators. I became an intern and worked with non-profits, mostly with youth outreach.

Favorite place to visit in CD1?

Anywhere they serve food.

What's the best kept secret in CD1?

Food. Los Angeles is a mecca for great food. El Huarachito, Guisados, Langers, and recently added Greyhound are great restaurants in CD1. I would like to explore more, if anyone has any suggestions?

What is your favorite P.E.A.C.E. issue are and why?

It is important to have an identity in the community thorough "arts and culture".I believe it is a main ingredient for representing CD1.

If you could solve one major issue in CD1 what would it be?

Homelessness.

What do people not know about you?

I played a lot of sports growing up including ice hockey.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Free Income Tax Preparation And Family Resource Fair  
Saturday, February 8th, 2014  
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
California State University, Los Angeles  
Salazar Hall  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Legal Citizenship Workshop  
Saturday February 8th, 2014  
Appointments Available from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
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(213)385-7800 X152  
asantos@carecen-la.org

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election@asnc.us

L.A. Chinatown Firecracker 5/10K Run/Walk & Bike Ride  
Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM  
Sunday, February 23, 2014 at 8:00 AM  
943 North Broadway  
Los Angeles, CA 90032  
www.firecracker10k.org

Free Tax Preparation  
El Centro Del Pueblo Family Source Center  
1824 Sunset Blvd. (between Sunset & Lemoyne)  
Los Angeles, CA 90026  
(213) 483-6335 ext. 111

Free Artmaking Workshops  
Cypress Park Family Source Center  
Thursday, February 6th – April 17th, 2014

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM  
929 Cypress Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Los Angeles Councilmember Gil Cedillo, District 1  
200 N. Spring St., Room 470  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
(213) 473-7001

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**8 Councilmember Jose Huizar's Northeast Community Newsletter:  
Friday,**

Fri Feb 7, 2014 10:52 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

Northeast Community Newsletter  
February 7, 2014

<http://tinyurl.com/mbe47pp>

Upcoming Events & Community Bulletin

Northeast Pic of the Week

We're so excited about the RRFBs, we're making them the Pic of the Week two weeks in a row!

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Northeast Trees 2014 Earth Day Festival

Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Lighted Crosswalks

Saturday, February 8th  
11:00AM  
Corner of Hermosa Ave & Colorado Blvd  
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Join Councilmember Huizar, Take Back the Boulevard, the Eagle Rock Neighborhood Council, and other Eagle Rockers for a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new lighted crosswalks on Colorado Blvd. Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons, or RRFBs for short,

are solar powered crosswalks that are shown to increase yield percentages dramatically. The crosswalks on Colorado Blvd are the first in the Metro region in LA. Join us for a great celebration!

For more information, please contact Councilmember Huizar's Northeast Field Office at (323) 254-5295.

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#### Dudley Saunders' IN THESE BOXES

Saturday, February 8th  
8:00PM  
Center for the Arts Eagle Rock  
2225 Colorado Boulevard  
Los Angeles, CA 90041

Dudley Saunders' IN THESE BOXES is an uncommon - and uncanny - mix of live music, narratives and video art that explores the human need to keep the dead from disappearing by holding on to their things. Performance, one night only, Saturday February 8, 2014 at 8pm. Tickets \$8 pre sale \$10 at the door.

Purchase your tickets here!

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#### Women's Twentieth Century Club of Eagle Rock - 100th Anniversary of the Clubhouse

Saturday, February 8th  
6:00PM - Hors d'oeuvres/no-host bar  
7:00PM - Concert  
The Women's Twentieth Century Club  
5105 Hermosa Avenue  
Los Angeles, CA 90041

The Women's Twentieth Century Club of Eagle Rock is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the construction of its historic clubhouse. Please join us for a special Centennial Concert to kickoff a year of celebratory events. When completed, the clubhouse opened with a piano concert to which the women welcomed the entire community. In an homage to the founders' event, Eagle Rock resident Carl Matthes, an internationally known pianist, will entertain. Items and documents of historic significance will be on display and the event will offer lots of fun surprises for your enjoyment. The entire community is welcome. ATTIRE: Costume dress in the spirit of the early 1900's is warmly encouraged. Have some fun!

TICKETS:  
Advance purchase recommended  
Get tickets here!  
\$20 per adult  
\$10 students / 18 & under

\$5 children 12 & under

Tickets will also be available at the door

\$25 per adult

\$12 students / 18 & under

\$7 children 12 & under

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TERA's Eagle Rock State of the Town Address

Thursday, February 13th

7:00PM

Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock

2225 Colorado Boulevard

Los Angeles, CA 90041

You are invited to The Eagle Rock Association's (TERA) Annual State of the Town Address. 14th District City Councilmember Jose Huizar will speak on Eagle Rock's past year and look toward the future. Parking is available on the street and at the Bank of America, west of Center for the Arts Eagle Rock.

For more information, call TERA at (323) 259-TERA or Councilmember Huizar's Northeast Field Office at (323) 254-5295.

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York Blvd Community Cleanup!

Saturday, February 15th

9:00AM-11:00AM

Meet at the corner of Ave. 50 & York Blvd.

Councilmember Huizar, in partnership with the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council, the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce, and the North Highland Park Neighborhood Watch, invites you to participate in the York Boulevard Community Cleanup! Meet at the future York Park site on the corner of Ave. 50 and York Blvd. Cleanup tools and refreshments will be provided. All you need to bring is yourself! Special thanks to Café de Leche, El Super, Franklin High School, and Burbank Middle School.

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Northeast Trees 2014 Earth Day Festival

Sunday, May 4th

Los Angeles River Center & Gardens



570 W. Avenue 26  
Los Angeles, CA 90065

Join North East Trees for its Second Annual Earth Day Fest. This fundraiser features about 35 local artists selling their works, live music, exhibits and information about the work of local environmental organizations, information on volunteer opportunities, activities for kids, craft beer and fresh lemonade, prize drawings and more. Each exhibitor donates a portion of sales to North East Trees, which has been planting an urban forest, designing and building parks, building and enhancing trails, and training and hiring at-risk youth for over 20 years.

This event is open to the public, is free to attend, and there's ample free parking at the Los Angeles River Center and Gardens and on nearby streets. For more information, call (323) 441-8634 x 30 or e-mail the organization at [simran@northeasttrees.org](mailto:simran@northeasttrees.org).

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Keep Us Informed!

Do you have an important announcement or news item that should be shared with the Northeast Los Angeles community? Please forward any announcements to [nate.hayward@lacity.org](mailto:nate.hayward@lacity.org). Additionally, please feel free to share our newsletter throughout all of your networks.

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## 9 **Free Income Tax Preparation And Family Resource Fair Saturday, Febru**

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Free Income Tax Preparation And Family Resource Fair  
Saturday, February 8th, 2014  
8:30 AM - 1:30 PM  
California State University, Los Angeles  
Salazar Hall  
5151 State University Drive  
Los Angeles, CA 90032

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## 10 **You're Invited! Performances, Workshops & Classes!**

Fri Feb 7, 2014 10:55 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

<http://tinyurl.com/k5vv7ex>

performances classes workshops

There is a participatory component to this performance piece where you can honor a loved one who is gone.

Participants can post photos to Instagram with the hash-tag #InTheseBoxes. Or send the photo and short description to [Dudley@dudleysaunders.com](mailto:Dudley@dudleysaunders.com)

Someone died and now you have their things. Or maybe just one thing. It might not even be valuable. An old spoon or a glove. But you can't bring yourself to throw it out. You can virtually leave it

CFAER and artist Dudley Saunders are reaching out locally in Los Angeles for photos of the objects people have inherited from loved ones and can't let go of . Your personal contributions - "evidence of our loved ones' missing lives" - will be incorporated into video art in Dudley's performance of IN THESE BOXES on Feb. 8th at CFAER, a combination of video, song and text, that tells the stories of lost people through the objects they left behind.

Additionally, they live in perpetuity online at [www.InTheseBoxes.com](http://www.InTheseBoxes.com), in what he calls "a social media cemetery", as he performs it across the country. In these two forms, emotional objects become part of a living piece of art, rather than simply moldering alone in people's closets. Participants can post photos to Instagram with the hash-tag #InTheseBoxes.

Or send the photo and short description to [Dudley@dudleysaunders.com](mailto:Dudley@dudleysaunders.com)

Saturday February 8, 2014 In These Boxes

One Night Only Visual Art Performance/Concert

8pm

\$8 pre sale \$10 at the door

Free Parking at Bank of America

Dudley Saunders' performance, IN THESE BOXES, is an uncommon – and uncanny – mix of live music, narratives and video art that explores the human need to keep the dead from disappearing by holding on to their things. In the piece, Dudley takes 12 objects left behind by the dead and weaves each of them into a video hallucination of the missing life. As he sings their stories at the front of stage, the world of the vanished comes to life on the screen behind him. He conceives of this as a kind of social-media cemetery that people can visit at any time, and see the objects that other people can't let go.

Performance is One Night Only [www.InTheseBoxes.com](http://www.InTheseBoxes.com)

Thursday Morning Yoga 8:30am - 9:45am Weekly through June 5, 2014

\$10 per class \* Walks in Welcome \* All Levels \*

Certified Hatha Yoga instructor, Mary Frances Spencer, leads class suitable for all levels. Sequenced to build strength and flexibility, release toxins and stretch tight muscles. Improve your health by stimulating the immune system as you move with your breath. Each session ends with a relaxation, enhanced with tuning forks, singing bowls, and aromatherapy oils for energy and balance.

Core Connection Class Series

Mondays February 3-March 17, 2014 8:30am-9:30am

Join Mary Ascension Saulnier, certified Pilates instructor specializing in connective tissue bodywork and fasciae anatomy.

Core Connection Class is a weekly mat class designed to work your entire body with exercises that are seated or lying on the floor. The beginning of class will focus on engaging the core abdominal muscles in a neutral spine and rounded spine. The class will include a series to strengthen back, hamstrings, glutes and improve balance. Mats provided or bring your own.

This is a beginner's class, but variations will be available for more experienced students. Classes may feature herbal tea at the end of class.

Try a class or come to the entire 8 week session.

\$10 per class.

'Marrow' Record Release Party February 21 9pm

Potions Workshop

Wednesdays, March 5 – May 14, 2014

Ages 6-12

\$100 for ten week session

Taught by: Jenn Su (co-founder of Thank You For Coming, gardening teacher at

Larchmont Charter School, UC certified Master Gardener + Master Food Preserver)

An experimental food and art series using plant parts, live cultures and alchemy to explore processes for bewitching, healing, eating, and play. Spells, sodas, syrups, soups, sourdough, salves, + secrets.

\*2 classes to take place at Thank You For Coming's restaurant storefront

Printmaking

Ages: 15 and up

Tuition: \$100

Instructor: Jonah Olson

Mondays, February 17 – May 5, 2014

6:00 – 8:00pm

Learn how to make all manner of prints using non-toxic and easy to use materials: Lino-Cuts, Wood-Cuts, Monotypes, Drypoint Etchings, Collographs.

Clay Sculpture Projects (adults)unnamed

Ages: 16 +

Tuition: \$80

Tuesdays, 7 – 8 pm, February 18 – May 6, 2014

Instructor: Weronika Zaluska

This workshop is an introduction to various techniques of working with unfired clay. Students will learn to combine clay with other materials and substances, including: paper, wire, nylon fibers, fabric and glue. We will be creating permanent sculptures without firing them in the kiln. The goal of this class is a free and spontaneous expression through clay.

[www.CFAER.org](http://www.CFAER.org)

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Center for the Arts, Eagle Rock is a nonprofit 501 (c)3 arts organization whose mission to present innovative and multicultural arts programming to the communities of Northeast Los Angeles and beyond.

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## 11 Legal Citizenship Workshop 2/8

Fri Feb 7, 2014 11:08 pm (PST) . Posted by: [asncaalert](#)

Legal Citizenship Workshop

Saturday February 8th, 2014

Appointments Available from 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Ramona Hall Community Center

4580 N. Figueroa Street

Los Angeles, CA 90065

(213)385-7800 X152

[asantos@carecen-la.org](mailto:asantos@carecen-la.org) <mailto:asantos@carecen-la.org>

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